

SERBIA



Serbia's integration into the European Union and other Euro-Atlantic institutions continues to be a key U.S. foreign policy interest in the Western Balkans. U.S. support helps Serbia strengthen and entrench democratic institutions and good governance, increase the capacity of civil-society organizations (CSOs), overcome past ethnic divisions, foster broad-based economic progress, enhance its export and border controls, and build good relationships with its neighbors.

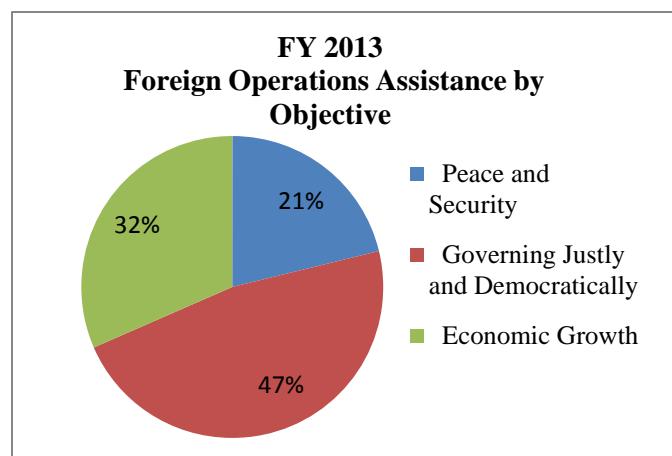
Assistance Activities by U.S. Goals in Serbia:

Serbia is Stable, Peaceful and Contributes to Global Security

- The United States provides education, training and equipment to military personnel, Ministry of Defense civilians and peacekeeping-related forces, focusing on planning, resource management, and various niche capabilities.
- In the area of border security, U.S. experts are helping Serbia to develop a strategic trade control system that meets international standards; providing interdiction training and inspection, detection, and surveillance equipment to Serbia's Customs and Border Police; and promoting regional cross-border cooperation.
- U.S. security assistance helps Serbia demilitarize its excess small arms/light weapons and munitions; destroy aging munitions that have become unstable, and clear landmines and explosive remnants of war that remain from past conflicts.

Accountability of Key Democratic Institutions Strengthened

- U.S. assistance to justice-sector institutions helps them to streamline case processing in the Administrative, Misdemeanor, and High Misdemeanor Courts; become more responsive and accessible to citizens; increase the professional competence and efficiency of judges in the Misdemeanor and High Misdemeanor Courts and raise overall technical standards and performance of the judiciary.
- U.S. justice sector assistance is designed to increase the capacity of prosecutors, judges and defense attorneys to handle transnational organized crime, corruption, war crimes, and financial-crime cases;



BY ACCOUNT	FY 2013 ACTUAL	FY 2014 ESTIMATE	FY 2015 REQUEST
TOTAL (in thousand \$)	31,022	23,137	16,460
Economic Support Fund	22,271	14,877	9,250
Foreign Military Financing	1,709	1,800	1,800
International Military Education and Training	875	1,050	1,050
International Narcotics Control and Law Enforcement	3,517	3,000	2,250
Nonproliferation, Antiterrorism, Demining and Related Programs	2,650	2,410	2,110

boost prosecutor-police cooperation; conduct complex financial investigations; provide witness protection; and negotiate plea agreements.

- U.S. justice sector assistance specifically targets anti-corruption efforts, strengthening criminal justice entities and professionals, enhancing relevant legislation, and the Anti-Corruption Agency and other preventative mechanisms. Such efforts are intended to strengthen rule of law and the economy.
- U.S. assistance to Serbia's independent agencies and CSOs is designed to promote open, accountable, and efficient government; fight corruption and poor administrative practices; and generate public demand for, and participation in, good governance. The United States is also assisting media support organizations in promoting media literacy and free and accountable journalism.

Conditions for Broad-based, Inclusive Economic Growth Improved

- U.S. economic assistance helps the government to implement economic policies and laws that support businesses, including policies and laws related to budgeting, inspections, and construction permits. U.S. assistance also aims to improve the environment for public-private partnerships.
- U.S. experts work with local governments to develop action plans for priority projects identified by participating communities.
- In agriculture, U.S. assistance to agricultural firms and micro-enterprises helps to meet the quality demands of the market; improve branding standards; and expand sales to larger markets within Serbia and through exports to Southeast and Eastern Europe, including member states of the European Union.

BY OBJECTIVE	FY 2013 ACTUAL	FY 2014 653a	FY 2015 REQUEST
TOTAL (in thousand \$)	31,022	23,137	16,460
Peace and Security	6,566	6,560	6,085
Governing Justly and Democratically	14,667	12,477	8,556
Economic Growth	9,789	4,100	1,819

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

<http://www.state.gov/p/eur/ace> [U.S. Embassy Website](#) www.foreignassistance.gov

*This fact sheet does not reflect centrally managed or regional Foreign Operations funding that is not specifically budgeted for Serbia.